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LEGISLATIVE BILL 621

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Committee: Health and Human Services

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to massage therapy; to amend section 38-1708,
2 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide an
3 exemption from licensure; and to repeal the original
4 section.

5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 38-1708, Reissue Revised Statutes of
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 38-1708 The Massage Therapy Practice Act shall not be
4 construed to include the following classes of persons:

5 (1) Licensed physicians and surgeons, osteopathic
6 physicians, chiropractors, registered nurses, practical nurses,
7 cosmetologists, estheticians, nail technicians, physical
8 therapists, barbers, and other persons credentialed under
9 the Uniform Credentialing Act who are exclusively engaged in the
10 practice of their respective professions;

11 (2) Physicians who serve in the armed forces of the
12 United States or the United States Public Health Service or who
13 are employed by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
14 or other federal agencies, if their practice is limited to that
15 service or employment;

16 (3) Students performing massage therapy services when
17 they render such services within the scope of an approved
18 massage therapy school under the supervision of a licensed massage
19 therapist; and

20 (4) Individuals who hold a current license as a massage
21 therapist in another state and who travel with and provide massage
22 therapy services to theatrical groups, entertainers, or athletic
23 organizations; and-

24 (5) Individuals who restrict their practice to the
25 manipulation of soft tissue of the human body to hands, feet,

1 or ears, such as reflexologists, and who do not hold themselves out
2 as massage therapists.

3 Sec. 2. Original section 38-1708, Reissue Revised
4 Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.